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**MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence**

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**VIA:**

**Deputy Director (Plans)** *RMB*

**SUBJECT:**

**Establishment or Strengthening of Illegal  
Apparatus by Free World Communist Parties**

1. Attached for your information is subject brief, which was prepared by the [REDACTED] of this Staff. Since the Twelve-Party Declaration of November 1957 there has been an increased emphasis within the International Communist Movement on the establishment or improvement of clandestine apparatus paralleling the existing party organizations. There is reliable evidence that this aspect of party activity was stressed at the time of the 21st CPSU Congress by Soviet and Chinese Communist Party Officials in discussions with various Free World CP leaders. There is further evidence that various Communist parties of the Free World were urged, where conditions permit, to establish a capability for armed action. The emphasis on clandestine apparatus is accompanied by an increased effort by each CP to penetrate its country's police and military forces.

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2. The publication, prepared primarily for use within DDP, is being made available in sanitized form to liaison services, and is being distributed also to other U.S. agencies. The distribution to other agencies has been approved by appropriate DDI and DDP components.

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**Attachment: (1)**

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